

opinion

noun

Say it: o • pin • ion



Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

what someone thinks or believes

Synonym: belief

Example

In my **opinion**, the pie was _____, but Sherry hated it.



Forms

- **Singular:** opinion
- **Plural:** opinions

Family

- **Adjective:** opinionated

Word Partners

- ask for an _____
- express an _____
- in my _____

My best friend wasn't sure whether she wanted to paint her bedroom blue or yellow, so she **asked for my opinion**.

Our teacher had us research a controversial issue and **express an opinion** about it in an essay.

In my opinion, the best sport is hockey.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It **Read** each sentence and **think** about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 In my **opinion**, all schools should have _____.
- 2 I have a high **opinion** of _____ because _____ is making the world a better place.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **opinion** and appropriate content.

Many teenagers form their _____ by listening to their _____ and reading _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **opinion** and appropriate content.

The best movie of all time, in my _____, is _____ because it has _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **opinion** in the *plural form*. In your second sentence, use **opinion** in the *singular form* and include a word partner.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

She has strong opinions.
He likes board games.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **opinion** and original content.

Newspapers are excellent _____¹ for finding information and facts. However, many newspapers also feature a section called the op-ed page in which readers contribute their _____² on current events and issues. Originally, the op-ed page only featured the _____³ of individual newspaper staff writers, but today, op-ed pages _____⁴ editorials from writers from all over the world. In many larger newspapers such as *The New York Times* and _____⁵, experts and well-known figures often contribute to the op-ed page, but anyone can submit a letter. If you have a strong _____⁶ about an issue, you should write to your local newspaper. If your letter is printed, you might end up influencing the _____⁷ of other people as well.